Medical College had in February, 2003 conducted a workshop for the benefit of police personnel in which measures to be taken during investigation of cases were highlighted so to achieve a better communication and coordination between police and doctors in the interest of better investigation of crimes.

Jail Manual

4859. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to undertake a comprehensive review of Jail Manual of all the States in order to ensure uniformity in administration of prisons;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to propose a draft model of Jail Manual and to circulate the same to all the States/Union Territories for their guidance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) to (c) 'Prisons' being a State subject under List II of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution, it is for the State Governments to undertake amendments/review of their respective Jail Manuals. However, Central Government had appointed a Committee under the Chairmanship of Director General, Bureau of Police Research and Development to prepare a Model Prison Manual. It has since been prepared and circulated to all the States and Union Territories for their views.

Harassment of undertrials by hardened inmates

4860. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new undertrials are held to ransom by the old and hardened inmates;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these new undertrials are harassed and beaten, if they protest; and

(c) if so, on what alternative plans Government are working?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) :

(a) and (b) No instances of harassment of new undertrials by the old and hardened inmates have come to the notice of Government.

(c) Does not arise.

On-line trading of illegal drugs

4861. SHRI MURLI DEORA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Narcotics Control Bureau has detected on-line trading of illegal drugs and psychotropic substances and their exports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the arrests made in this regard; and

(d) further actions proposed to be taken to check such acts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) has so far detected one case of prescription drugs (Psychotropic Substances) being sold on the Internet in which four persons were arrested who are facing trial. Arrested persons were involved in on-line trading and unauthorised export of Controlled Psychotropic substances to various foreign destinations including UK and USA. These consignments were despatched through EMS speed post to the clients in foreign countries. The payment for these drugs were received through credit cards.

(d) All enforcement agencies have been sensitised to such on-line trading and alerted to look out for illicit sale of psychotropic substances through Internet websites.

Agreement with Bodo Liberation Tigers

4862. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have entered into any agreement with the Bodo Liberation Tigers (BLT) for ending a decade-old stalement in Assam;

(b) if so, the details of the agreement;

(c) whether the said agreement has been arrived at after full consultation with the representatives of the Assam Government; and